

a greater width or size of yards, courts, or other open spaces, or require a lower height of building or a less number of stories, or require a greater percentage of a lot to be left unoccupied, or impose other higher standards than are required by the regulations made under authority of this Act, the provisions of such statute or local ordinance or regulation shall govern; provided, however, that within the limits of the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties—in which District there is now in effect city and regional planning and zoning, which are being administered by existing agencies under existing law—this Act shall be construed wherever possible as supplemental to Chapter 448 of the Laws of Maryland of 1927, as amended; and within the said District the several additional and supplemental powers or any of them vested by this Act in the "municipality," and/or the "council," shall be construed to be vested exclusively in and may be exercised within their discretion only by the respective Boards of County Commissioners acting as the District Council, as provided in the said Chapter 448, as amended; and within the said District in like manner the several additional and supplemental powers or any of them vested by this Act in the "Commission" and in the "Board of Appeals," respectively, shall be construed to be vested exclusively in and may be exercised only, within their discretion, by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and/or the respective Board of Zoning Appeals of the County affected; and provided further, that insofar as the provisions of this Act may be inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of Chapter 448 of the Laws of Maryland of 1927, as amended, such provisions shall have no application within the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District, but nothing contained herein shall be deemed or construed to affect the validity of the said Chapter 448, as amended; and provided further, that nothing in this Act shall apply to Baltimore City, Kent County, Queen Anne's County, Talbot County, Wicomico County, Worcester County, Caroline County, Prince George's County, Howard County, St. Mary's County, Anne Arundel County and Harford County.

SEC. 27. SAVING CLAUSE. *And be it further enacted,* That if any clause, sentence, part or parts of this Act, or of any section thereof shall be held unconstitutional, such unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this Act or of any section thereof. The legislature hereby declares that it would have passed the